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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Let's Get A Move On

HONGKONG yesterday took its second somewhat tardy step to encourage a greater flow of tourists to this Colony. The Tourist Association ordinance had its first reading in the Legislative Council. The bill when passed will set up an organisation which will have six functions: step up the flow of visitors to the Colony, develop Hongkong as a tourist resort, promote and improve facilities, publicise the Colony overseas, coordinate tourist services and recommend ways and means of promoting tourism.

The bill itself has taken a long time to come before the Council. A year has passed since the 12-man Government appointed committee completed its report. And in the first page of this document it was stated that the tourist industry had held a position of first-rate importance for four or five years and that an official study as early as 1953 revealed that 30,000 tourists in that year had spent about \$72 million.

In the same year Mr Eric Halpern suggested a Government Tourist Bureau was one of the Colony's greatest needs. It was not of course to be expected that Government would promptly adopt this suggestion, but Government was obviously aware of the potentialities of the industry a good four years ago.

Now in 1957 Government is setting up an association which many feel should have been established long ago. In 1955, Mr F. C. Clemo reported the tourist trade had risen to about 200,000 a year, and that they had spent about \$160 million. To increase this figure substantially entails much developmental work. And it is in this respect that Hongkong is dragging its feet. More hotel accommodation has been provided in recent years but obviously more is needed—and particularly the kind that will induce big spending tourists to stay for longer periods than a week-end stopover.

It would seem that improvement in second-class hotel accommodation would help to solve part of this problem initially but as yet nothing has been done to mobilise these resources and coordinate them with the airlines and shipping lines who must be able to assure prospective tourists that there is quality accommodation available. And hotel keepers also need the assurance that their rooms are to be filled if they are to undertake expensive alterations to cater for this clientele.

Nothing has yet been done to provide a sufficient number of official tourist guides. These men need to be carefully picked, trained and then examined on their ability to conduct tours and take visitors shopping. They also need to be authorised by a recognised tourist organisation. It may be argued that this would be putting the cart before the horse, but why could there not have been some ad hoc committee set up to begin doing something constructive on these details?

Following its inauguration the Association could then have had a working agenda with some of the problems already ironed out and recommendations for bigger schemes ready for consideration. So much for lost opportunities. Now it's time to get a move on. It is hoped the bill before the Council will be given a speedy passage—and the Tourist Association quickly set up. Much work has to be done and the Colony looks forward to positive results soon.

TYRE SLASHING: YOUTH IN COURT

Admits Damaging 10 Cars

A Chinese youth, who had been knocked down by motor cars three times, decided to take revenge by slashing tyres.

This was revealed at Central Court this morning.

The youth, Tsui Wah-hon, 20, a shop fold, of 18 New Market Street, ground floor, admitted that he had damaged 10 vehicles by slashing tyres. The damage was assessed at \$2,936.

The defendant faced 11 charges of malicious damage to property exceeding \$25, and a charge for possessing an instrument fit for an unlawful purpose, before Miss B. K. Seale.

THREE CHARGES

Chief Inspector J. Hidden, prosecuting, told the Court he was proceeding with only three charges of malicious damage and the charge for the possession of an instrument fit for an unlawful purpose.

The other eight charges were to be taken into consideration, said the Inspector.

Inspector Hidden told the Court that at 7 p.m. on Tuesday a man, Wong Yat-sun, left his car, No. XX0782, at Whitty Street and went to the Tai Ping Theatre to the 7.30 show. He was accompanied by a lady.

At 9.20 p.m. the same evening he returned to his car and found the rear nearside tyre had been deflated and the front nearside tyre punctured.

He went to a nearby shop to make a telephone call for assistance while the lady stayed in the car.

Inspector Hidden said the defendant came to the lady and told her that the front nearside tyre had been punctured, only and that the rear nearside tyre could be filled with air.

The defendant then produced a valve and squatted down on the pavement near the car.

Inspector Hidden said the defendant was questioned in the Station and admitted that he had punctured and deflated the tyres.

In answer to a question, the Inspector continued, the defendant said he had no intention of slashing the tyres.

"It was a moment of mistake," he said.

SECOND CHARGE

In regard to the second charge, Chief Inspector Hidden said a report was made to the Western Police Station at 10.55 p.m. the same day that between 9 p.m. and 9.10 p.m. Law Ling-hing, the owner of car No. AA3008, found a rear tyre of her car had been slashed.

The car was also parked in Wai Yee Street.

Chief Inspector said the defendant was questioned about this matter and admitted the offence. Cautioned, the defendant also said he had no intention of slashing the tyre.

"It was a moment of mistake," he said.

The defendant also admitted that he had punctured five tyres of a car, No. AA2008 parked (Contd. on back page, Col. 6)

Do Drugs Produce 4-Minute Miles?

New York, June 5.

The American Medical Association today ordered an investigation of a charge that the recent flurry of four-minute miles may have been due to the use of stimulant drugs by athletes.

Charges also were made before the AMA that there has been a "cheating" use of stimulants by other athletes, including school children, to improve their performances.

The AMA's House of Delegates, governing body of the powerful organisation, instructed the AMA Board of Trustees to determine the extent of "indiscriminate" use of stimulants that could produce "anti-social behaviour" and cause serious physical and mental changes.

NO COINCIDENCE

Dr Herbert Berger, New York City, chairman of the New York State Medical Society's Committee on Narcotics and Alcohol Addiction, told the AMA:

"The recent rash of four-minute miles is no coincidence. When I was a college boy the four-minute mile was as unlikely as flying to the moon."

Berger said the four-minute mile had been run more than 12 times during the last two years.

"This is more than coincidence," he said.—United Press.

MUSLIM LIVED WITH CHRISTIAN

Ipo, June 5.

A judge said in the High Court today that a Muslim woman had been held up to the public gaze as a common criminal because she lived with a Christian as man and wife.

Mr Justice Good cautioned and discharged the woman who had been charged under a rarely applied Muslim law with having been found in "suspicious proximity" with a non-Muslim of the opposite sex.

The woman pleaded not guilty but admitted having lived with the man, a Christian, for 30 months. She had turned to him after her husband died when she was pregnant.

CONSIDERATION

Mr Justice Good urged Muslim religious authorities to give sympathetic consideration to the problems of Muslims living as man and wife with non-Muslims.

It was a strange and unhappy situation, said the Judge. The woman had turned to a man who had been kind to her.

"And then out of the blue this provision is brought to operation against them and the woman is held up to the public gaze as a common criminal," the Judge said.—Reuter.

Peak Scaled

Katmandu, June 5.

Dr Charles Evans, the Liverpool surgeon, returned here today with the news that he and a fellow climber had scaled the 24,800-foot Annapurna 4 in Western Nepal.—Reuter.

US SHIRT MAKERS WORRIED OVER HONGKONG IMPORTS

WANTED: LEADER FOR FRANCE

Paris, June 5.

Radical Maurice Bourges-Maunoury, Minister of Defence in the old Mollet Cabinet, agreed to try to form a new government after Christian Democrat (MRP) Pierre Pflimlin gave up.

Pflimlin, 50-year-old president of the left-centre Popular Republican Movement (MRP), gave up the task of reorganising France from its 15-day-old Cabinet crisis in the middle of the afternoon.

Pflimlin had been trying to form a government for five days. For a while it looked as though he would succeed. Then this morning the key Socialist Party voted 74 to 22 against Pflimlin's support.

Coty immediately turned to the task of finding someone else.

Bourges-Maunoury, 42, was the third person he had asked during the afternoon.

De Gaulle?

★ The name of French wartime leader, General Charles de Gaulle was being mentioned increasingly in French comment on how to extricate France from her mounting difficulties.

Two big Paris dailies mentioned de Gaulle today as the two-week-old government crisis appeared no closer to a solution than when it broke out on May 21.

Jacques Fauvet, parliamentary correspondent for the influential Le Monde said that attention was turning "toward General de Gaulle, who may appear to be the last resort, not of the Assembly, but of the country."

But Fauvet added that "there is less of a majority in the present Assembly than in the preceding Chamber to approve an even limited delegation of powers to the former Free French leader."

The large-circulation Paris-Press noted that "the name of General de Gaulle comes up more and more frequently in conversation among parliamentary groups.—United Press and France-Press.

RENTS BILL PASSES FINAL STAGE

London, June 5.

The Conservative Government's controversial rent bill passed its final stage in the House of Commons late tonight.

British Suez Clearance Claim

London, June 5.

Minister of State David Ormsby-Gore told the House of Commons today that Britain has submitted a detailed claim to the UN secretariat for British help in clearing the Suez Canal.

In a written reply to a Conservative question, Ormsby-Gore said that the UN salvage fleet had been withdrawn UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld would not doubt be reporting on its advances raised for clearance operations which had been used and on their reimbursement.

This report would be considered and discussed with other governments concerned, Ormsby-Gore added.

British salvage ships took part in the clearance operations although Egypt refused to allow their crews to work in Royal Naval uniform.—United Press.

AIRMAN PREFERS THE REDS

Washington, June 5.

The Air Force today discharged an enlisted man who said he wanted to return behind the Iron Curtain because he thought there was "more opportunity" there than in the United States.

The enlisted man, Airmen 2/C Peter Bondarczuk, was quoted last week as saying he wanted to go back to his home in Russia. Air Force records show he claimed to have been born in Poland.

Bondarczuk's discharge was recommended by the Physical Evaluation Board. The Air Force said he was discharged "under honorable conditions."

The airman told the Washington Daily News last week that the Air Force was "stalling" on his application for discharge. He asked last December to be released from the service.—United Press.

Serious Threats Will Be Dealt With

New York, June 5.

American shirt makers are concerned over skyrocketing shirt imports from Hongkong.

At a recent meeting with the Assistant Secretary of Commerce Mr H. C. McLellan, several leading US shirt makers forecast a "100 per cent increase in imports from Far East is possible."

Seymour J. Phillips, President of Phillips-Jones Corp., said the American shirt makers had gone as high as 200,000 dozen in their estimates of the volume of Hongkong imports for 1957.

He added that if circumstances change enough to pose a serious threat, the Commerce Department stands ready to take "appropriate remedial action."—United Press.

FIGURE TOO HIGH

The Secretary of the Hongkong Chinese Manufacturers' Union said this morning that he doubted if the figure was correct. He added that it was much too high.

Most of the Hongkong shirts are sent to Europe and Southeast Asia, the Secretary said.

LIMITATIONS

According to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce Department, Mr McLellan, there are definite limitations on shirt making expansion in Hongkong.

He said they include a shortage of plant, a lack of sufficiently skilled labour, and restrictions imposed by the Japanese on their cloth sales to the Hongkong shirt makers. Shirts for the US market are made largely from Japanese cloth.

McLellan assured the American shirt makers that the Commerce Department is keeping an eye on the situation. He said the Hongkong trade does not represent a serious threat to the domestic industry, "at present."

RUSSIAN SUBS IN CHANNEL

London, June 5.

The Admiralty early today confirmed a report that three Russian submarines had passed through the English Channel headed south.

An Admiralty spokesman said: "The submarines passed through the Channel yesterday as they are perpetually entitled to do."

Asked where the submarines were this morning, the spokesman said "presumably somewhere in the Bay of Biscay." He had no further details.—Reuter.

Unrehearsed Rope Trick

New York, June 5.

A 35-year-old painter dangled head down with a rope around his neck high above Times Square today when his scaffold overturned. He was rescued minutes later by firemen who raised an aerial ladder.

The painter, Milton Hinden, was working about 10 storeys up on the Astor Theatre at Broadway and 45th Street when one of the ropes holding his scaffold slipped.

When the scaffold flipped over, Hinden dropped for a rope as he hurtled into space. The rope twisted around his neck as he fell and locked him in an upside-down position.

Firemen, summoned by other workers from a nearby station, quickly rescued him. Hinden was treated for rope burns.—United Press.

ANGLO-US ATOMIC AGREEMENT

Washington, June 5.

British and US atomic officials reached agreement today "on a wide range of subjects" involving peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

The Atomic Energy Commission said the agreement concluded discussions which have been going on here between Sir Edwin Plowden, chairman of the United Kingdom Atomic Authority, and AEC chairman Lewis L. Strauss.

The announcement did not detail the "subjects" on which agreement was reached. But it said the "agreements covered the exchange of information on the big British atomic power plant."

There have been complaints in Congress that the British were holding back information about Calder Hall, the world's first big-scale nuclear power station. It went into operation last autumn.

BRITISH PROBLEM

One of the problems which existed at the opening of the talks between Sir Edwin and Mr Strauss was Britain's reluctance to pass on technical data, which the United States Government, under its established policy, might give away free to private industry. (Contd. on Page 8, Col. 2)

WEST DREAMING OF WEATHER BOMB!

London, June 5.

A Soviet professor today accused the West of dreaming of meteorological bomb to wage a weather war, "causing droughts or downpours on alien territory."

The professor, in an article in the Soviet weekly Ogonek, quoted by Moscow Radio tonight, declared that such a weapon was "idle talk... based on a premature conclusion."

He said the problem itself of actively influencing the weather was an interesting one to geophysicists "on the borderline between fantasy and fact."

Adding a warning, he said: "If some country should attempt to cause rain or drought on the territory of its enemy it might get 100 times the effect at home."—China Mail Special.

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RUSSIA STIRRING UP TROUBLE IN THE LEBANON

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London, June 5.

Russia is starting a new battle to regain the initiative in the Middle East by seeking to establish a pro-Communist government in the Lebanon.

Following the decisive intervention of the United States 6th Fleet at the time of the Jordan crisis the Russians are seeking their revenge.

According to intelligence reports reaching London the Soviet Embassy in Beirut has poured out the equivalent of \$250,000.

This has been backed up by \$75,000 from the Egyptians and a consignment of Czech submachine guns shipped in via the Egyptians from Syria.

The aim of the activity is to establish a new power bloc in the Middle East linking the Lebanon with the Communist Government in Syria.

If it succeeded the balance of power in the Middle East would swing violently against the West.

For throughout the crises of the last few years the Lebanon has acted as a moderating influence in the Arab world.

Western diplomats recognise this is a much tougher situation to tackle than the one that existed in Jordan.

There are no serious open rifts nor threats of direct intervention from outside.

There is only an attempt to corrupt the general election in Lebanon which begins on Sunday.

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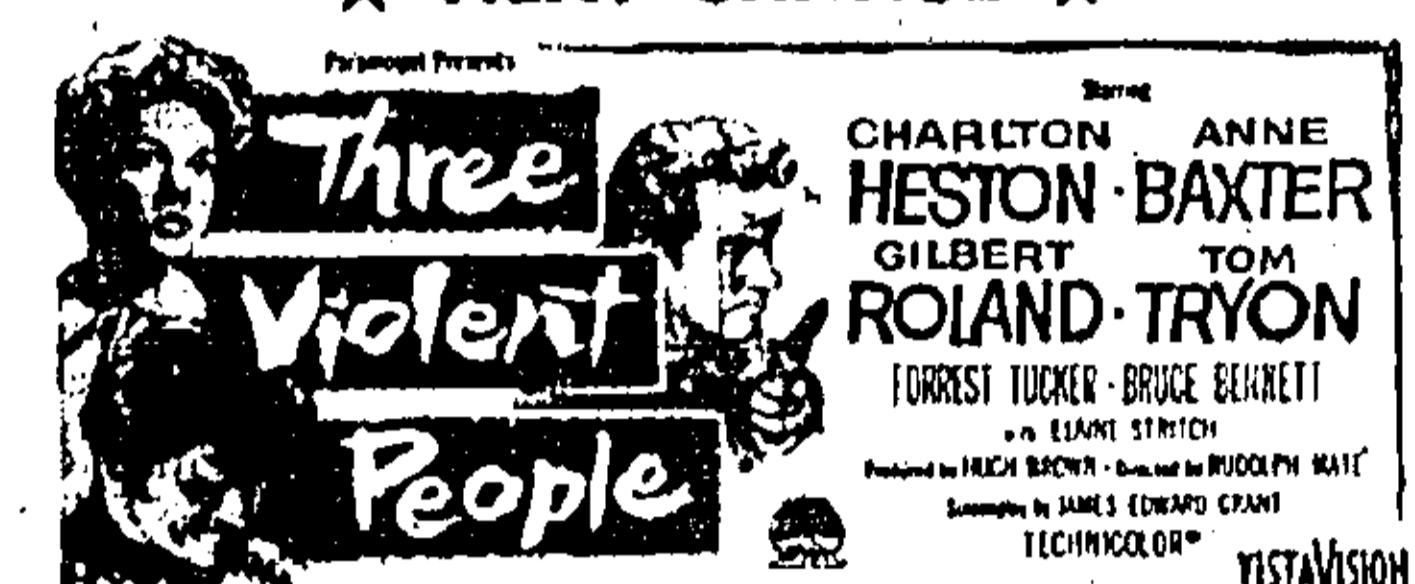
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Girard's Case
Causing Storm
Of Criticism

Washington, June 5. President Eisenhower sought today to fend off a developing storm of criticism, both within and outside Congress, of yesterday's decision to allow Japanese courts to try Sergeant William Girard, the United States soldier whose case has aroused wide criticism in Japan.

Even as the President spoke at his press conference Senator Sam Ervin (Democrat, North Carolina), a former judge and a prominent member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, called witnesses from the State and Defence Departments to a special investigation.

Ike and his fellow-senator on the two-man sub-committee, Senator Ralph Flanders (Republican, Vermont), said afterwards that the Defence Department had failed to exhaust its rights before handing Sgt. Girard over to Japanese jurisdiction.

Inquiry

Senator Gordon Allott (Republican, Colorado), proposed a more ambitious inquiry by a special committee comprising four Democrats and four Republicans.

The President had evidently briefed himself fully on the subject in readiness for today's press conference, anticipating that the question would come up. He even gave from memory the exact number of cases 13,642—in which Japan had turned over primary jurisdiction in cases of United States servicemen to American authorities.

Whether or not the President's words would quiet the mounting domestic criticism remains to be seen. What seemed certain, in the minds of political observers here, was that in the long run the administration would have to re-examine the whole delicate business of stationing troops abroad.

Dangers

The current congressional reaction provided proof, if any were needed, that the question of subjecting United States soldiers to foreign jurisdiction was fraught with the most explosive political dangers of home.

The Girard case continued to get front-page treatment in today's American Press. Most newspapers concentrated on congressional demands for an investigation of the decision to hand Specialist Girard over to the Japanese courts for trial.

The New York Journal American, in a leading article called it a "surrender of principle." The newspaper, one of the Hearst chain, said the point at issue was that Specialist Girard acted while on duty in the performance of his duties and therefore should be tried by an American court.

Stage Prop

If this were detrimental to Japanese-American relations, then, the newspaper declared: "We are not disputing the importance of friendship with our allies but if its structure is so flimsy it needs shoring up by such means as this, it is not a structure at all, but merely a stage prop of expediency." The New York World Telegram and Sun, a Scripps-Hoover newspaper, said the case added to the urgency of "taking a new look" at the US position abroad.

For instance, there were an estimated 180,000 Americans in overpopulated Japan. "Surely the time has come to determine whether, for example, the ill-feeling created in Japan by maintenance of so many American troops there doesn't outweigh their military potential and elsewhere, too," it asked.—Router.

London, June 5. Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, Indian High Commissioner here, postponed a dinner she was due to give tonight for Mr. Harold Macmillan, the British Prime Minister, because she is suffering from influenza.—Router.

THE NEW BOOK MACHINE



VIENNA — Know what a book machine is? Well, we'll tell you this — it's not a machine for either writing or reading books. No, it's an invention for the benefit of persons who want to buy a book after shop-closing hours. Here it is in operation in Vienna.—Express Photo.

GROTEWOHL REJECTS
FREE ELECTIONS FOR
EAST-WEST GERMANY

Berlin, June 5. Herr Otto Grotewohl, Communist Prime Minister of East Germany, today rejected free elections as the first step towards reunification, the East German News Agency ADN said.

COMMUNISM
'PASSED
ITS PEAK'

Boston, June 5. Defence Secretary Charles E. Wilson said today there is good reason to believe the rise of Communism "has reached and passed its peak."

Taking direct issue with Soviet Party boss Nikita S. Khrushchev, Wilson said millions of people throughout the world are coming to realize that Communism is not the path to security, social justice, prosperity, or peace.

FORECAST

"Due to our international policies and our strong defence, there is reason to believe that the rise of Communism has reached and passed its peak—in spite of Mr. Khrushchev's recent forecast," Wilson said.

The Defence Secretary made the statement in an address prepared for a Massachusetts Republican rally here.

Khrushchev predicted over the Columbia Broadcasting System network last Sunday that the grandchildren of his American viewers "will live under socialism."

But Wilson confidently predicted "out Western concept of a free society... will continue to prevail over any form of dictatorship."—United Press.

MURDERERS

He said "a few years ago, when there were not yet two states in Germany, when there was no conscription for German youth, when there were not yet Fascist mass murderers like Speidel, Heusinger and others at the head of an army, we ourselves made proposals about general and free elections in all of Germany. We even drafted an electoral law and offered it for public discussion."

He added, "We do not want so-called free elections in a country of atomic cannons, before an understanding about our proposals has been reached."

★ "1. A stop to all propaganda and preparation for an atomic war on German soil."

★ "2. Agreement of both (East and West German) governments about a ban on atomic bombs and the renunciation of the production of atomic weapons."

★ "3. A ban on the stationing of atomic bombs and other weapons on German soil."—Router.

ANTI-FLU
MEASURES
IN BRITAIN

London, June 5.

Britain is taking steps to deal with the possibility that the influenza epidemic now raging in the Far East may spread to Europe, the Minister of Health, Dennis Vosper, told the House of Commons today.

As a precaution, he said, practitioners are being reminded of the standing arrangements against outbreaks of influenza and port medical officers have been asked to report epidemic influenza among persons arriving in Britain.

The Minister said the new variant of the virus which is causing the epidemic in the Far East is being investigated at the world influenza centre and in other research departments.—France-Press.

MORE ARRESTS
IN MADRID

Madrid, June 5.

Reports circulating in Madrid tonight indicated that Gerardo Baeza and Ignacio Sotelo, both members of well-known families, have been arrested by the Spanish authorities.

Baeza is the son of Ricardo Baeza, who was the Ambassador of the Spanish Republic to Chile. Sotelo is a student at the University of Madrid.

The reports of these two arrests followed similar reports of arrests of members of prominent Spanish families. So far there has been no official confirmation of the arrests.—France-Press.

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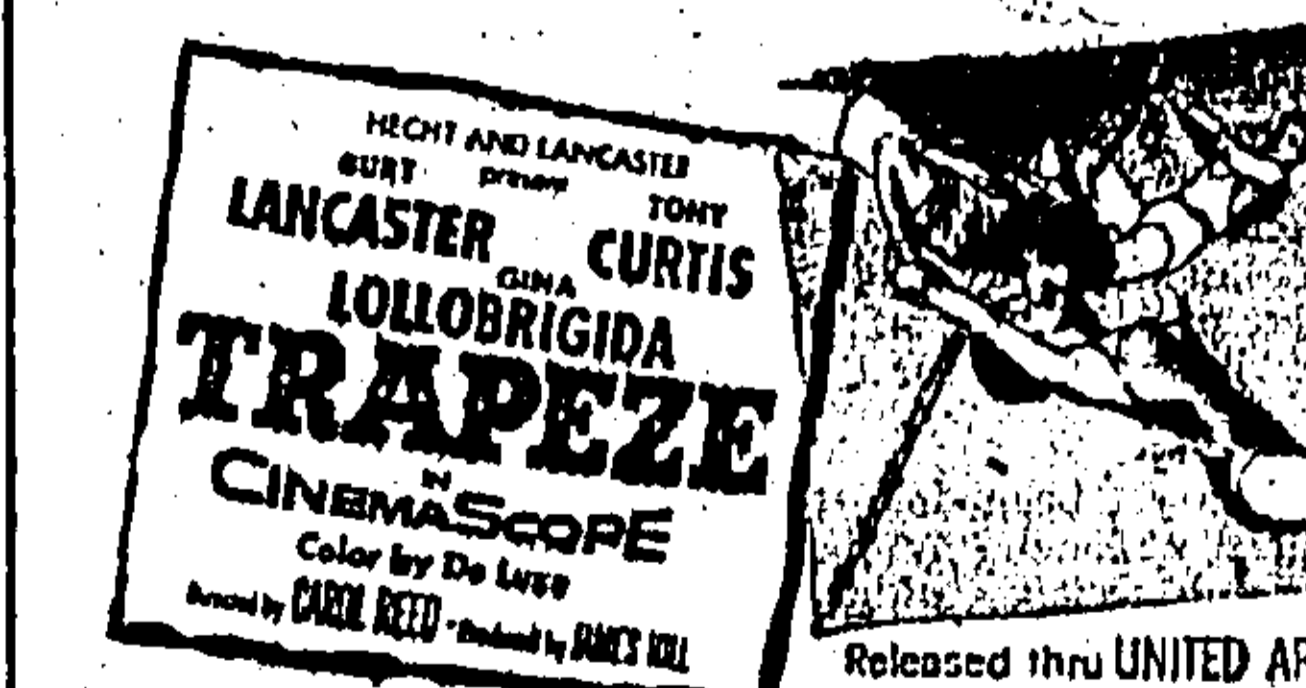
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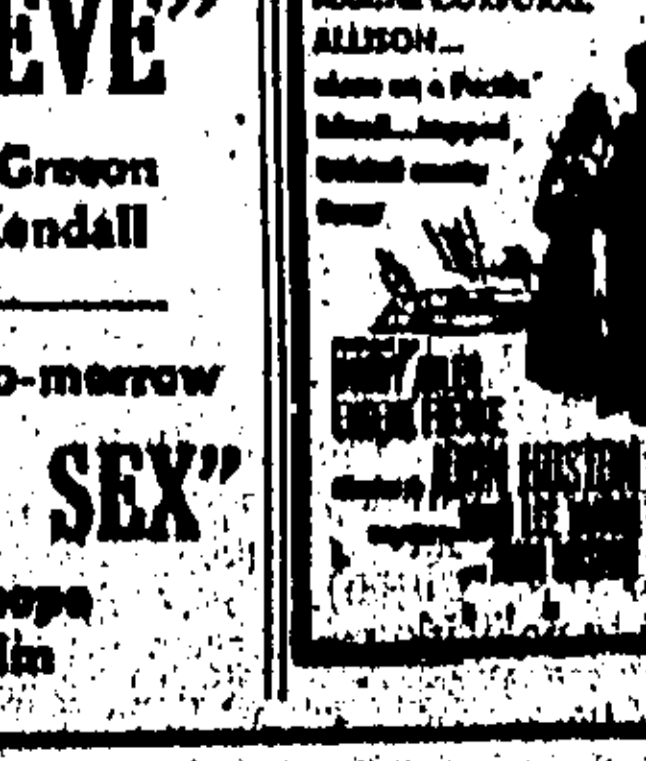
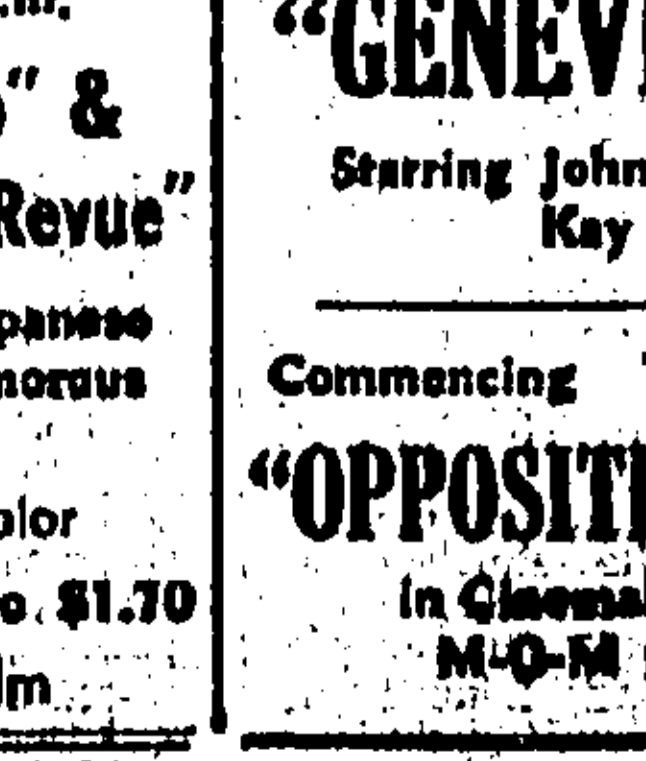
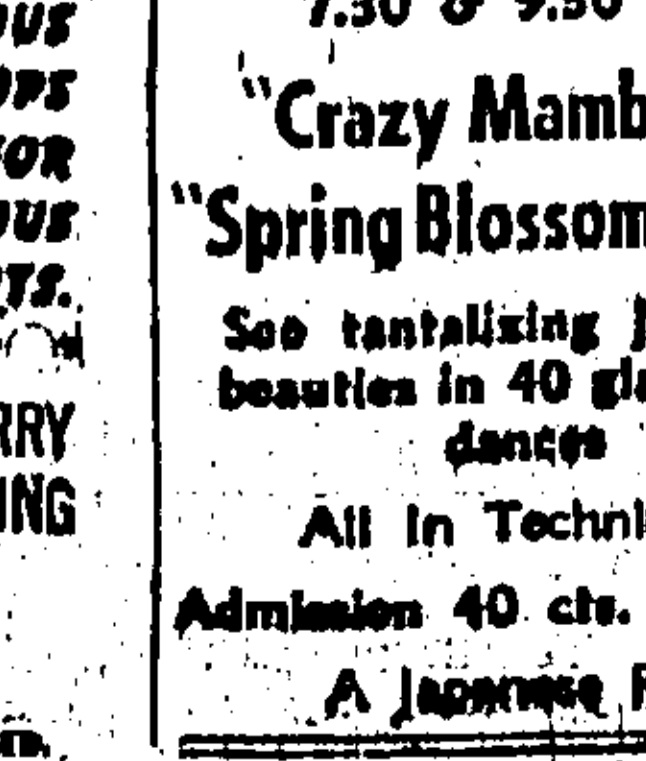
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MILITARY STAFF TO INCREASE

No Supreme Command Envisaged Yet By Bagdad Members

By JOHN TALBOT

Karachi, June 5.

The strength of the Bagdad Pact's Joint Military Planning staff is to be increased from its present number of five officers to 15 but no supreme command is envisaged at this stage, high level council sources said here tonight.

The present system of rotating the post of officer in charge of the staff will continue for the time being.

Britain is understood to have emphasised to the Council the need for the development of an infrastructure for which she has already provided £500,000 sterling.

'Confidential'

MEADES ASK FOR DISMISSAL

Los Angeles, June 5. Fred and Marjorie Meade today asked for dismissal of a Grand Jury indictment charging them with conspiracy to commit criminal libel in connection with the jury's investigation of Confidential magazine.

The Meades, operators of Hollywood Research Inc., are the only two of 11 persons indicted by the jury to surrender.

Superior Judge Louis Burke set on June 19 for hearing the motion for dismissal.

SUBPOENAS

Arthur Crowley, counsel for the Meades, told the Court Mrs Meade was served with three subpoenas outside the court this morning. The petition named her as president of Hollywood Research Inc., as an agent for Confidential magazine and as an agent for Whisper magazine, each indicted as a corporation.

Mrs Meade accepted the first subpoena but refused the other two, Mr Crowley said, denying that she was an agent for either publication.

The Meades are on \$5,000 bail.—United Press.

Britain's idea is for technical improvements such as a radar screen filling in the complete gap at present existing over Persia as well as the improvement of airfields in the Pact Area and the building of new ones to cope with the expected increased air power following the United States accession to the Military Committee last Monday.

Improve Cohesion

The overall plan would be not only the build-up of a deterrent to aggression but to improve the cohesion of the Pact's four Middle East members.

British sources emphasised tonight there had been no "aftermath" of the Anglo-French intervention over Suez during the present talks.

The whole approach of the meeting had been towards the future with no recriminations made or explanations asked.—Reuter.

SCIENTIST LEAVES BULGARIA

Belgrade, June 5. A prominent Bulgarian scientist recently crossed the border illegally into Yugoslavia and has since gone to Belgium, usually reliable sources said today.

The scientist, an outstanding Hellenist, whose name was not available here, was reported to have been a vice-president of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and a leading figure in academic circles in Sofia, the Bulgarian capital. He was reported to have crossed into Yugoslavia about four weeks ago.

Sources said he told Yugoslav officials he did not wish to stay in Yugoslavia but wanted to go to Belgium to join an outstanding Belgian expert on ancient Greece.—China Mail Special.

ALLEGATION AGAINST NEHRU

New Delhi, June 5. A petition challenging the election of the Prime Minister, Mr Nehru, on the grounds of corrupt practices has been filed before the Election Commission by Sitaram Khemka, one of his three opponents in the March election.

Mr Khemka, who contested Mr Nehru's seat at Phulpur, Allahabad, as an Independent, was second in the poll and lost his deposit with 34,320 votes against the Prime Minister's 227,448.

Mr Khemka's petition published in the Gazette of India today, alleged that the following corrupt practices materially affected the results of the election.

Mr Nehru, as Prime Minister presided over meetings of the Indian Cabinet, which denied the use of All India Radio to any other political party or individuals.

Mr Nehru travelled to his constituency by an Indian Air Force aircraft piloted by Air Force personnel.

Mr Nehru and his Congress Party collected large sums of money from various persons and companies. Mr Khemka alleged these amounts were collected by amendments in the Companies Law and the Indian Income Tax Law.

Mr Khemka prayed that Mr Nehru's election be set aside and he be declared elected instead.—Reuter.

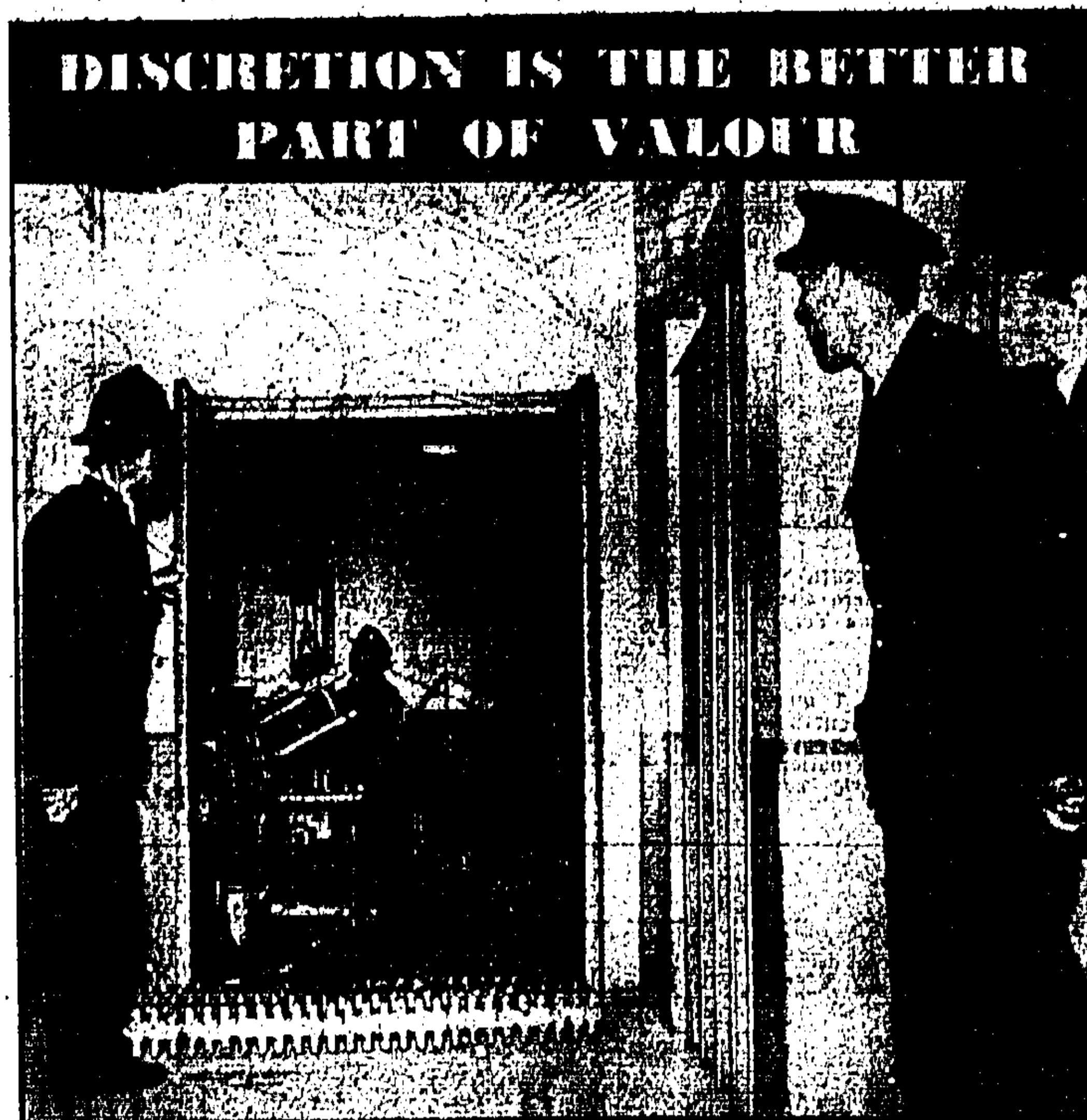
ARTHRITIS SUFFERERS SUICIDE

London, June 5. Two men have committed suicide in Kew Gardens, London, at almost the same time and for the same reason—ill health. The men were complete strangers to one another.

George Campton, a retired tailor, aged 74, took his own life with an overdose of aspirin because arthritis had crippled him so that he could no longer work.

Lawrence Burn, 39-year-old husband and father, swallowed nicotine poison, because he thought—mistakenly—that he had cancer.

The two suicides had one point in common—both victims suffered from arthritis.—France-Press.



This is one of those situations where discretion is the better part of valour. Looks like another missile is on the way, too. — Express Photo.

WEST INDIAN HOLDS 50 LONDON POLICEMEN AT BAY

London. Fifty policemen cordoned a London building last week when a 29-year-old West Indian barricaded himself in and refused to come out of the engineering workshop where he was working. Attempts by police to seize the man were at first met with a continuous hail of spanners, pieces of piping, iron bars and lumps of lead. With drawn truncheons, police sheltering behind the front door made repeated attempts to rush the man but were driven back by a hail of metal.

Lumps of metal shattered the windscreen of a police motorcycle combination parked outside.

The glass in the entrance door to the workshop was shattered. Finally police rushed the man while he was searching round for missiles to throw. He was knocked unconscious with a blow from a truncheon and carried to a waiting ambulance by eight policemen.

The battle had lasted eight hours. One policeman was hurt in the scuffle. A welder employed in the building said the man had been laughing and joking with the other workers earlier in the day.

He went to the workshop as usual—then suddenly grabbed a length of piping, started

hurling about him and hurling lumps of metal which he had been using for his work. Said Mr F. C. Calster, the department's chief engineer: "The man has been working here for about three months and his work was very satisfactory."

"This morning he started acting strangely and refused to talk to his workmates. We called Dr Preston, our medical officer, to examine him, but he threatened the doctor with a spanner."

"We then decided to shut the doors of the workshop and call the police. The fusillade of iron began as soon as the police arrived." — Express Service.

US GOVERNMENT TO STUDY SMOKING AND CANCER

Washington, June 5.

A government health spokesman said today that government experts will make a close study of the American Cancer Society's report linking cigarette smoking to cancer and other ailments.

PLUSH HOUSE FOR MESSRS B & K

Helsinki, June 5. The most "California-type" house in Finland, the modern glass residence of Finnish financial magnate, Arve Hienberg, was being prepared today to receive the Soviet Premier, Nikita Khrushchev, and Communist Party chief, Nikita Khrushchev, due to arrive in Finland tomorrow.

Piles of magazines from America and a statuette, a souvenir of the Russo-Finnish war, were hastily banished to the cellar.

Meanwhile, it was learned in Helsinki that the two Soviet leaders will visit during their stay in Tampere, central Finland, the museum dedicated to Lenin's memory.

The Finnish authorities will turn over to the Soviet guests the locomotive of the train which carried Lenin, under another name, to the little city where the Finnish Socialist Party Congress was held in 1905.

It was during this conference that Lenin met Joseph Stalin for the first time.

Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev and party chief Nikita Khrushchev left Moscow with their party by special train for Helsinki at 2200 hours (1900 GMT) today from Leningrad station.

The party was seen off by top leaders of the Communist Party and Soviet Government and diplomatic corps members.—United Press and France-Press.

He said it was "very likely" the National Institutes of Health, an arm of the US Public Health Service, would evaluate the report. But he said this would take "some time."

The spokesman noted that the evidence against cigarette smoking was based only on statistical data thus far.

Statistical

"It needs to be tested in the laboratory," he said. He conceded, however, that the statistical evidence raised a "real and serious" public health problem.

He said the question of possible links between smoking and cancer and other ailments already is under intensive government investigation. He termed it "an inescapable problem with which we should and must be deeply concerned."

The Public Health Service has no legal authority to control the manufacture or use of cigarettes or other form of tobacco.

Moderation

Officials indicated that any government programme on the subject would have to take the form of educational programme in co-operation with other health and medical groups to urge moderation in the use of tobacco.

The spokesman said the American Cancer Society's final report on its four-year study of 188,000 men, made public yesterday, follows "basically the same line" as another report disclosed several weeks ago.

The previous report made jointly by experts of the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, the National Cancer Institute and the National Heart Institute—the latter two government agencies—showed correlation only between cigarette smoking and lung cancer.—United Press.

FREE TRADE AREA PLANS POSTPONED?

London, June 5. Mr Peter Thorneycroft, Chancellor of the Exchequer, is expected to announce in Parliament tomorrow that the time-table set for bringing European Free Trade Area into being cannot be maintained.

Plans for the Free Trade Area were to have been ready by the middle of this month.

But special meeting of all finance ministers of the countries belonging to the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, scheduled for the end of July is to be postponed.

OBSTACLES

One of the main obstacles to progress in preparing trade links has been the refusal of the Macmillan Government to consider including agriculture, and three Scandinavian countries and Holland, which it should be.

Since six Common Market countries—France, Italy, West Germany, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg—signed their agreement in Rome at the end of March, virtually no progress has been made in developing plans for wider free trade area, which is intended to include Britain.—London Express Service.

INTER-MOSLEM WARFARE IN FRANCE

Paris, June 5.

Inter-Moslem warfare in Paris and its suburbs reached new heights today when one North African was killed, several were wounded and more than 120 arrested.

There were attacks scattered throughout the city and its suburbs. The sudden increase could be traced directly to the massacre of 301 Algerians in the tiny mountain village of Melouza last Friday.

As a result, the Algerian National Movement (MNA), one of the organisations directing the Algerian uprising, called a 24-hour strike by its Moslem members in the whole of France. The MNA has long quarrelled with the National Liberation Movement (FLN), responsible for many of the most bloody attacks in Algeria.

PROTEST STRIKE

The MNA disclaimed all responsibility for the Melouza massacre. To emphasise its point, it called the strike to "protest" against alleged FLN brutality.

At least 123 North Africans were arrested through the day on charges of impeding freedom of movement—in other words, trying to prevent fellow Moslems from going to work.

The strike was not very effective in the area surrounding Paris. Some reports said only ten per cent of the workers were missing in some factories. It had better support elsewhere in France.

PRO-FRENCH

There are nearly 150,000 Algerians in the whole of France; many have taken pro-French stands on the rebellion in their homeland, which has led to reprisals by killers believed to be working for the FLN organisation in France.—United Press.

GOMULKA SPEAKS TO WORKERS

Warsaw, June 5. Communist Party boss Wladyslaw Gomulka went to Poznan today to speak to workers in the Cegielski factory where revolt broke out a year ago.

Gomulka made the visit amid reports that workers and students had demanded the right to stage "memorial" demonstrations for the scores killed when last June's Poznan strike for better living conditions turned into an uprising against the old Stalinist regime.

There was no information available on what Gomulka, who took over from the Stalinists in Poland's bloodless "October" revolution, after Poznan, told the workers.

MODERATION

It was believed, however, that he urged moderation and patience in view of Poland's delicate foreign relations.

Although the anniversary of the Poznan uprising is June 28, students and workers were believed to have timed their demands for permission to demonstrate to coincide with the international fair opening at Poznan on Sunday.

That day thousands of foreigners will be in Poznan and would see the demonstrations, just as they saw the riots last year.—United Press.

QUARLES ASKS FOR CUT BACK

Washington, June 5. The US Secretary of Defense, Donald Quarles, told the Senate Budget Sub-committee today that the United States will spend more than \$3,500,000,000 on developing weapons and in particular, "the ballistic missile development effort."

Quarles asked the Senate to restore to the administration's proposed budget for the 1957/58 fiscal year the \$1,220,000,000 cut off the defence allocation by the House of Representatives.

Quarles warned the Senate that the Soviet Union was making "an enormous effort to develop and manufacture missiles and other new and more destructive weapons of war."

"It therefore behooves us to do our utmost to insure a matched degree of qualitative superiority in our major defence forces upon us," he said.—France-Press.

Cyprus Issue 'SOLUTION CAN BE FOUND'

Istanbul, June 5. British Admiral Sir Ralph Edwards, Commander of Allied forces in the Mediterranean, said today he believes a fair solution can be found in the Cyprus issue without harming either joint aims or national interest of nations concerned.

Edwards, who is also Commander of the British Mediterranean Fleet, said such a solution would further greatly the allied cause.

Edwards was addressing a news conference after arriving earlier today at the head of nine British warships. Three of them, the cruiser "Kenya" and the destroyers "Dainty" and "Corymbus" will visit Turkish ports on the North Sea.

NO MANOEUVRES

Edwards denied reports that joint British-Turkish manoeuvres would be held during his visit. He also denied that this was the first visit of British warships to Turkish Black Sea ports since World War Two.

Edwards said a British cruiser and two destroyers visited Turkish ports in 1947 under command of Admiral Sir Algernon Willis.

Edwards, commenting on Soviet press reaction to his visit, said the visit was normal under existing treaties. He said Turkish fleet units in the North Sea would have returned to their bases when the British ships arrive there.

(The Soviet army newspaper Krasnaya Zvezda, commenting on the visit, said today that the Russian public could not overlook the provocative visit of British ships to the Black Sea....)—Reuter and France-Press.

Unaffected By UK's Decision

Stockholm, June 5. The Swedish Foreign Ministry said today that Sweden's trade relations with Communist China would remain unaffected by the decision taken by Britain last week to relax restrictions on her exports to China.

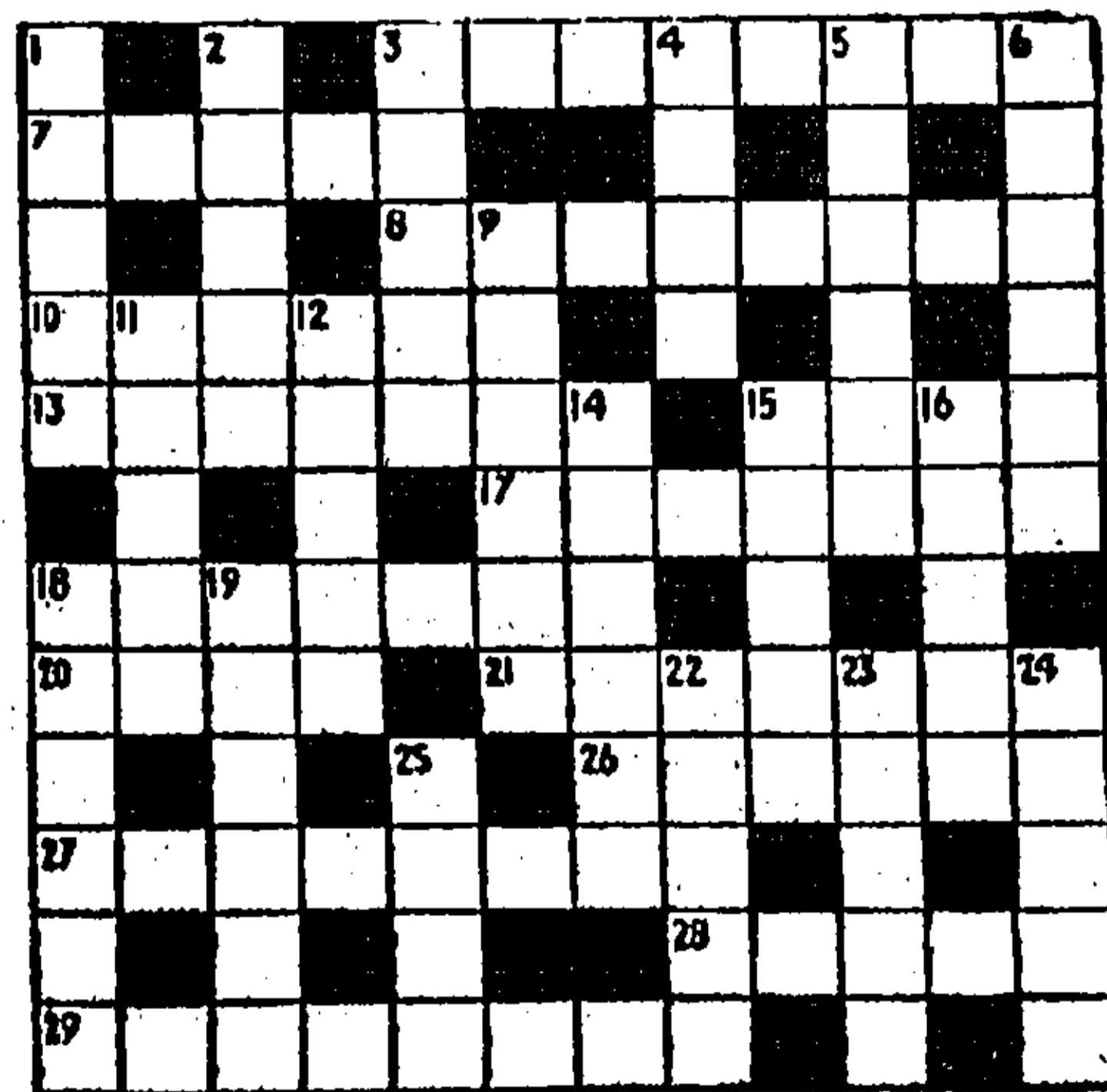
The Ministry pointed out in a statement that Sweden had never associated herself with the restrictions of trade with China, applied by North Atlantic Treaty Organisation countries and Japan.

During 1956, the Ministry added, Sweden imported 13,200,000 Swedish crowns worth of Chinese goods, against 12,100,000 crowns worth in 1955, and exported to China 31,400,000 crowns worth as against 9,100,000 crowns worth in 1955.

Sweden's exports to China chiefly comprise machinery, industrial products, paper cardboard, cellulose and chemical products.—France-Press.

London, June 5. The United States is likely to postpone submitting its new disarmament proposals to the United Nations Sub-Committee here for at least 10 days, a "steady state" source said today.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 1 All-embracing (8).
 - 7 Commonplace (6).
 - 8 Person appointed to act for another (6).
 - 10 Fish (6).
 - 13 Eastern (7).
 - 16 Kick (4).
 - 17 Oldish (7).
 - 18 Foolish (7).
 - 20 Not having any inclination to go straight (4).
 - 21 Famous mountain (7).
 - 22 Main course (6).
 - 27 N.C.O. (6).
 - 28 Surprise (6).
 - 29 Planner (6).
- DOWN
- 1 Summers (5).
 - 2 Seat (5).
 - 3 Slip (5).
 - 4 Call to (4).
 - 5 Of one dimension (6).
 - 6 Impertinent (6).
 - 9 Unruffled (6).
 - 11 Wash out (5).
 - 12 Sparrow (5).
 - 14 Team (6).
 - 15 Centre (5).
 - 16 Near (6).
 - 18 Humbled (6).
 - 19 Hardens (6).
 - 22 Come in (5).
 - 23 Bulls (5).
 - 24 Release (5).
 - 25 Mass of ice seen in December generally (4).

WEDNESDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Morass, 8 Doubt, 9 Tower, 9 Lanes, 10 Faulk, 11 Davis, 12 Call, 13 Cove, 10 Tackle, 14 Tissue, 20 Brown, 22 Tiler, 23 Black, 24 India, 26 Toffee, 27 Grand, 28 Blend, 29 Sock, Down: 1 Molecule, 2 Bicolour, 3 Band, 4 Seneca, 5 Defiant, 6 Orator, 7 Bulge, 14 Verdict, 15 Thriven, 16 Dastard, 17 Series, 19 Ensign, 21 Vandal, 24 Toad.

DON IDDON'S DIARY

In the booming dominion the
fight for power is hotting up

I CAN'T GET
AWAY FROM
DIEFENBAKER

THE Canadian Election has begun to blaze. Montreal, the metropolis, always volatile, is pink with emotion as courtly, patrician Prime Minister St. Laurent exchanges "insults" with the progressive Conservative leader, John Diefenbaker, who calls the P.M. "false and frivolous" in his charges.

To add to the excitement there is the new crop of reports that Queen Elizabeth (remember she is Queen of Canada also) will be coming here in the autumn before a visit to the United States.

Finally, Sir Anthony Eden, deeply regarded by all Canadians, has just sailed from Montreal aboard the Empress of Britain after several days of rest at Government House in Ottawa.

Montreal has never had so much on its hands. The city is so crowded that travelling salesmen, tourists, and even politicians are having to double up in rooming houses or stay in motels outside town.

Posters and whole page advertisements in the newspapers say: "It's time for a Diefenbaker Government."

Cock-a-hoop

THE burly, handsome face of "this reformer, this indefatigable defender of human rights, this man of dignity, courage, fairness, honour and clear-sighted vision who is also a man of breadth," has stared at me from the posters ever since I arrived after a tiring night train journey from New York. Canadians are cock-a-hoop. I am not surprised. When I put down an American dollar for a cheap fountain pen the drug-store clerk said: "That will be one dollar and five cents in American money." The almighty Yankee dollar has slipped well behind the Canadian green-back, and how the tourists from below the border hate it.

Some shopkeepers—but their numbers are dwindling—keep the customers sweet by not charging the extra five percent to Americans.

In view of this surging boom I am not so sure that Canadians will agree with the Conservatives that it is time for a change, time for a Diefenbaker Government.

My rather ill-educated guess is that the Liberals will win again, but with a reduced majority.

At present the Liberals hold 168 seats against the Tories' 50. Mr. St. Laurent is 75 and seeks a sixth consecutive term for the Liberal Government he has headed for nine years.

"Uncle Louis" will not step down. He says: "I believe I am in good health because the people of Canada are praying for me. I do my best. I pull my weight."

The indefatigable, incorrigible, clear-sighted, courageous, fair, and honourable Mr. Diefenbaker says:

Out of town

"THE Liberal Government is frightened. For the first time in 20 years it is staring defeat in the face. St. Laurent's programme is irresponsible and his statements frivolous or false or both."

It all makes for a lot of fun, but I get the strong impression that Montreal and Quebec Province have not too much time for Diefenbaker.

Recently, when he visited Quebec City, there was not even a civic official to meet him, and the province's powerful French-Canadian Prime Minister, Duplessis, was pointedly out of town during Diefenbaker's stay. However, the Tory leader says: "I don't care whether Duplessis smiles or frowns."

The Liberals are so confident of French-Canadian Quebec that they are not even bothering to mend their fences.

Despite the hullabaloo there are not many issues to bite on. The case of the late Herbert Norman, the Canadian Ambassador who jumped to his death in Egypt after a U.S. investigating committee had branded him a Communist, has faded.

Mr. D. charges inflation, lack of true-blue Canadianism and neglect of the Maritime Provinces.

Mr. St. L. warns that social security benefits will melt like snow if the Tories get in.

So the battle goes on, very much like a British election but lacking the circus antics, the clowning and gaudy lunacies of the American brand.

In contempt

CANADIAN distaste of the slanging match between British and U.S. journalists and politicians which goes on and on and on is deep.

Dispatches from American correspondents stationed in Britain and British correspondents who have returned home have been widely reprinted here and the squabble and kettle calling are considered childish.

All Canadians recent being considered a possession of Britain or a 48th State of the U.S., and when they see their two elders and seniors acting like fishwives they are contemptuous.

Both Britain and America can learn plenty from the mighty



JOHN DIEFENBAKER.
On posters everywhere the handsome face of the Tory challenger.

Dominion, which—and I quote Prime Minister St. Laurent—"in rate of growth of population, of productivity of national income, has outstripped even the U.S."

The woman
with the
Salote
touch...

MRS. MORA HUTTON-MILLS was trying to decide which pair of gloves she would wear to a diplomatic party in a few hours' time. The pink or the navy blue?

She had just bought them in a Knightsbridge store to go with her "kente"—a robe of many colours—woven by Ashanti tribesmen.

I suggested the pink, and her teeth flashed a smile from the plump, happy, black face that is proving irresistible in London's sedate official circles.

A Bunch Of Flowers

For Mrs. Hutton-Mills ("I just don't know how my husband got that English-sound name") is the wife of the High Commissioner of Ghana, the latest country to achieve full independence in the Empire.

And she is revelling in the social whirl. It started for her on Ghana Independence Day in March when she sat between Lady Mountbatten and the American Ambassador at a celebratory dinner.

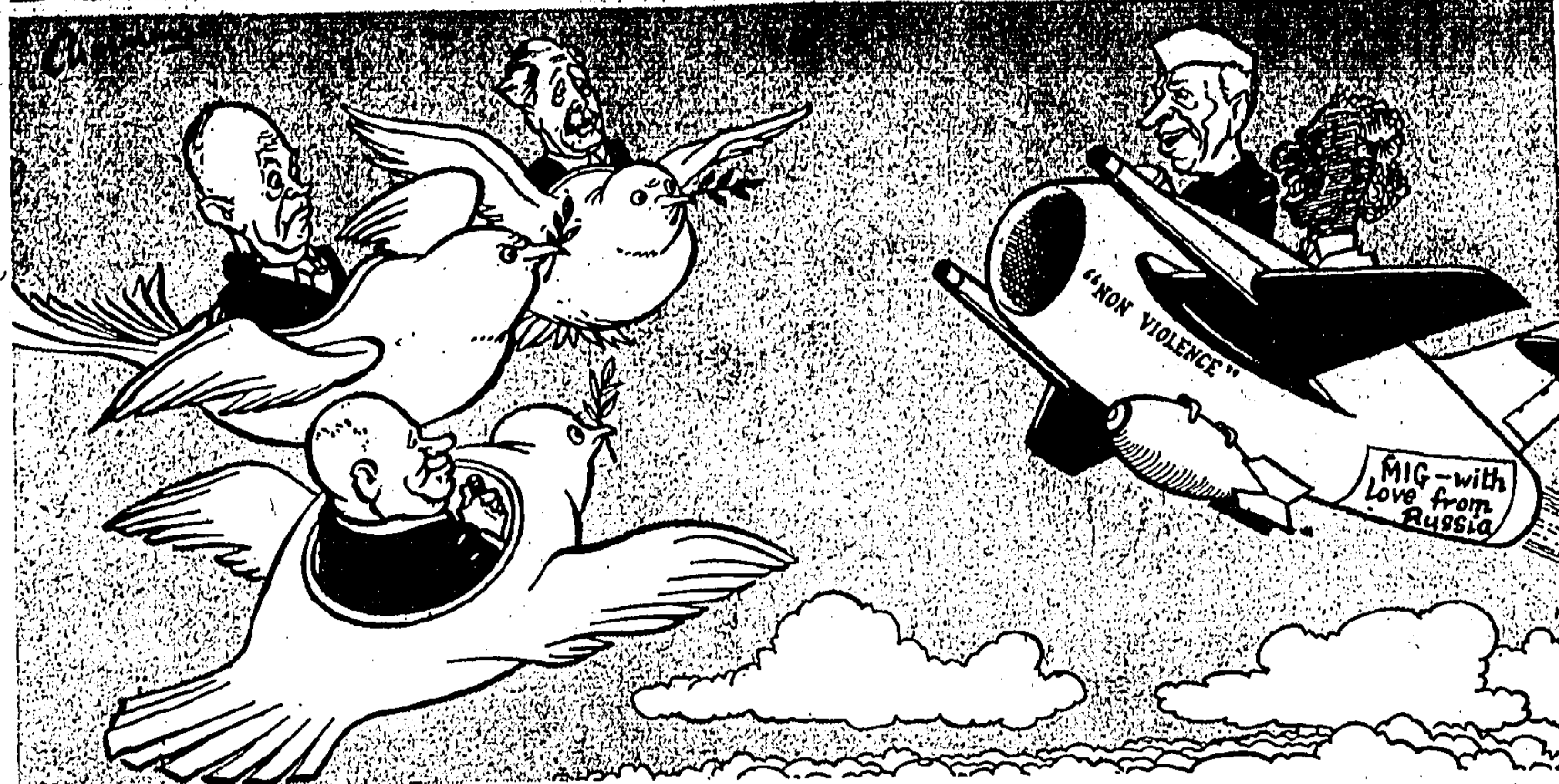
"Lady Mountbatten sent me a beautiful bunch of flowers afterwards. Now was not that sweet of her?"

"Sweet" (pronounced SW-EEET) was the only word she could find to describe the Queen whom she has now met twice. Her expressive hands came together as though about to clap. "She is so—so SWEET." Closer came her hands and wider her smile. "And so small."

I Love It All

Forty-year-old Mrs. Hutton-Mills is small herself, but matronly. And after a three-hour chat in her fourth-floor drawing room above the Ghanaian High Commissioner's Office in Belgrave Square I could think of no better word than "sweet" to describe HER. Like Queen Salote at the Coronation driving in an open carriage through the rain.

"Yes, I just love meeting people," she said. "Yes, I just love all these official functions. But we are inviting out so much we have no chance to entertain



"Relax everybody! It's only for curbing reactionary elements in Kashmir—like in Hungary."

Mrs. Mora Hutton-Mills, wife of the
High Commissioner of Ghana, the latest
country to achieve full independence in
the Empire, is revelling in London's
social whirl.

BY LISA MOYNIHAN

ourselves. But I will have my first dinner party very soon."

In fact, she will cook the dinner herself. Main course? "Ome, it is called. A rice and meat dish. I am very good at."

There is no room for a maid in their five-roomed flat. She has a daily help, but does all the cooking and a good bit of the washing and ironing herself.

The Problems

Mrs. Hutton-Mills likes to do things herself. During the two years her husband was Deputy Commissioner for the Gold Coast in London she got to know many of the problems facing her 1,500 fellow-countrymen in Britain (750 of them in London) especially students.

The two biggest ones: finding accommodation and surviving the English winter. During the winter months she spent a lot of time visiting her "boys" in hospital, victims of the cold.

"It is a real problem," she said feelingly. "The deputation that went to London Airport to see the Duchess of Kent off to Ghana got very bad colds. Yes, it was the native costume for this occasion. Very loyal but—what is the word—rush."

Colour has problems are high on her list. "I hear of 8,000 Indians who will take coloured students, but most are full up. Things are getting better, but there is still a little—prejudice."

Her own two sons came back from school while we were talking. Fairbanks ("yes, I suppose it must have been that Hollywood actor we got the name from—also isn't it") is an adult-looking, 17-year-old who prefers television to homework and is going to become a doctor, anyway.

"He bully me a little," said Mrs. Hutton-Mills fondly. "It

was he made me wear Cuban heels because he thinks I'm too short."

For 13-year-old Teddy Alex there was a pleasant surprise. An invitation from No. 10 to the Trooping the Colour on June 13—with a special request for "your youngest son."

"Yes, I don't know why not Fairbanks. Yes, especially as it says sherry afterwards!"

Morning dress, said the invitation. So Mrs. Hutton-Mills will be able to go resplendent in vividly patterned "kente"—the national dress. "I have only had to wear European dress twice. Once at a Czech Embassy party, once at a Royal Caledonian Schools dinner. The dinner said 'Highland dress, uniform, evening dress or "dinner" dress.' So my husband thought a silk evening dress."

Contralto Voice

Hobbies? I was not surprised to learn that singing and dancing head the list. "I sing—yes, even in the bath. Contralto is it? Your lowest lady voice, Musical comedy I love."

Dancing? I had a sudden vision of that smile flashing, to some turbulent tribal rhythm. But no. "The waltz I like best," she said a little reproachfully. "During the war we had many dances with your troops in the King George V Memorial Hall in Accra. I think we teach them something or two."

Her husband, charming and dignified in Savile Row lounge suit, looked in to remind her of the time. "Yes, I must not be late," she smiled. "And I take your advice. The pink gloves."

I feel sure they will have been noticed. Mrs. Hutton-Mills is not somebody you can overlook. London Express Service.

Getting ready for
the MILLE MIGLIA

AT 7.22 precisely, on the morning of Sunday, May 1, 1956, Stirling Moss, accompanied by the bearded motor-racing journalist, Denis Jenkinson, who was acting as his navigator, set out from Brescia in his Mercedes-Benz 300 SLR sports car on what many experts consider the toughest race in the world.

The very nature of the Mille Miglia (the Thousand Miles)—and the supreme challenge that drivers face when they compete in it—made the Italian sports car classic the supreme example of the risks a racing driver has to face and overcome.

It was run from Brescia to Rome and back again over a thousand miles of the best and worst of Italian roads and mountain passes, at speeds sometimes in excess of 150 miles an hour.

The Mille Miglia was a race against the clock. The drivers left at one-minute intervals from Brescia and the one who completed the course in the fastest time was the winner.

No driver had much of a chance in the Mille Miglia unless he "knew the course." Moss and Jenkinson reasoned correctly that Italian drivers in the race were, in a sense, on "home ground." It was up to Moss to learn the hazards of the course as thoroughly as the Italians.

The Roll

So Moss and Jenkinson devised something that could be almost called a mechanical brain. During practice runs rounds the course—it is not closed, during practice runs, to ordinary traffic—while Moss drove, Jenkinson made notes. Often he had to write at speeds approaching 160 miles an hour.

Every type of corner was meticulously logged and graded, so that there was a complete picture of slow, fast, and blind corners. Other entries covered gradients, fast or slow, surfaces good and bad, especially those likely to be slippery even when dry; level crossings, hill brows and what lay beyond them, and sudden dips in the road. Since speed would, at all times, be the key to success, Jenkinson noted all sections of the road where the Mercedes could travel at its maximum speed of 170 miles an hour, even though visibility was restricted. Key points were identified in the notes by kilometre stones and

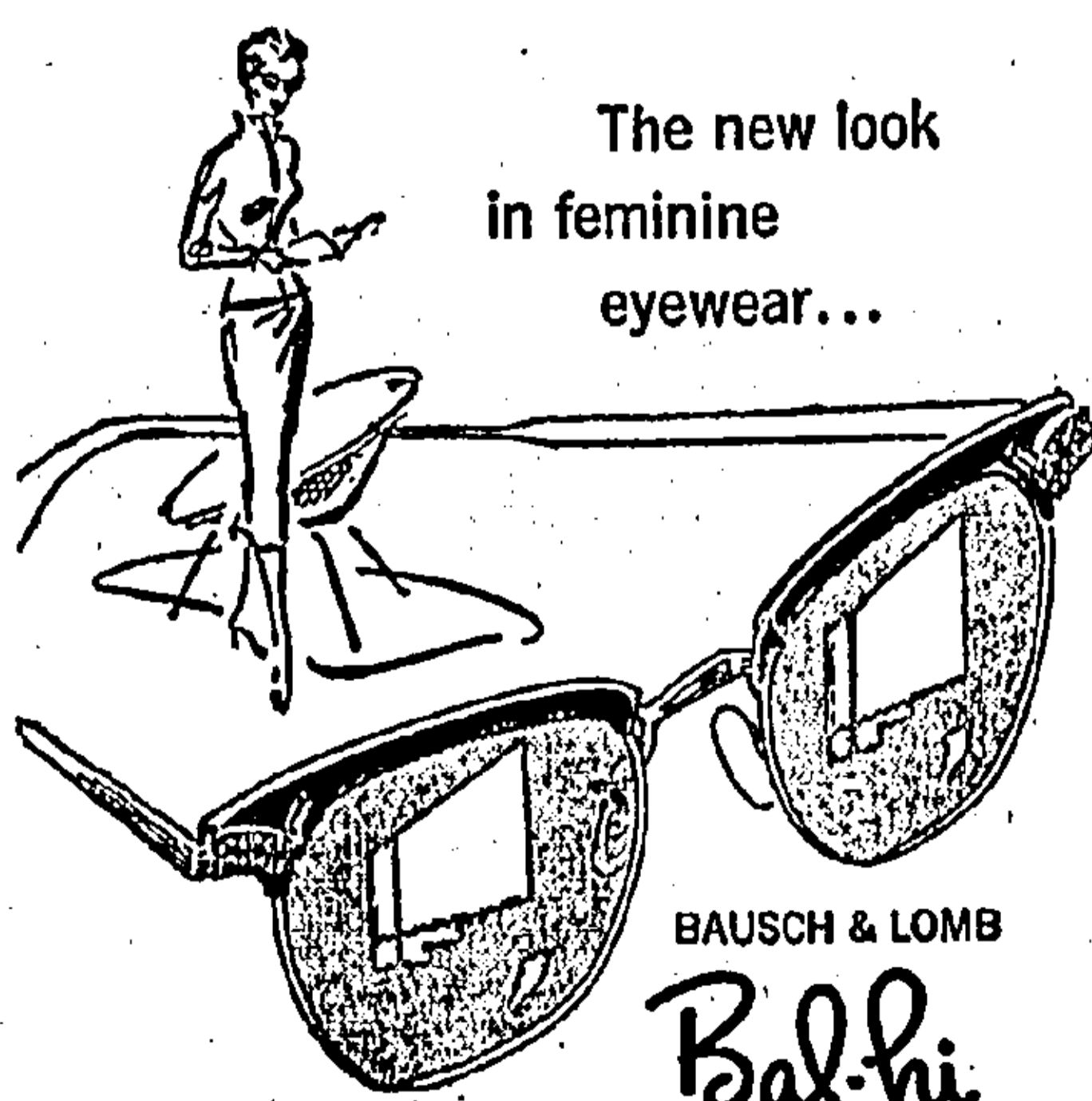
the race. He was eager to beat his Number 1 on the Mercedes team, the great Argentine driver, Juan Manuel Fangio. In the World Championship circuit races it was his job to keep as close as possible to Fangio's heels as he could without overtaking him; the usual task of a Number 2 driver. But the Mille Miglia is a race against time, against the clock. With a clear conscience, Moss could go all out to win. The order from the German team-boss, Neubauer, was: "Get the car back to Brescia, if you possibly can!" That was all. It gave Moss carte-blanche to do his damndest.

The 1955 Mille Miglia started at 9 p.m. on the evening of Saturday April 30 while Moss and Jenkinson were still fast asleep. At one-minute intervals, the smaller-capacity cars—including the fantastic little Ferraris—left the Brescia control. There were also scores of Fiat 600s.

At 6.55 a.m. on Sunday, the first cars in the class for over two litres left the starting ramp. The starting times, as usual, had been allotted by ballot. At 6.58, Fangio was away; at 7.01 another of the Mercedes team, Kling, at 7.04 Hermann, again in a Mercedes; at 7.05 the Italian ace Maglioli on a Ferrari. Then at 7.22 precisely, with Moss at the wheel and the bearded navigator Jenkinson beside him, Moss's Mercedes accelerated away from the ramp. The car carried its starting time—7.22—as its number. The Italian ace Castelletti followed the Mercedes in sixty seconds at 7.23; the veteran Taruffi at 7.28. These two, Moss knew, would be out to beat him.



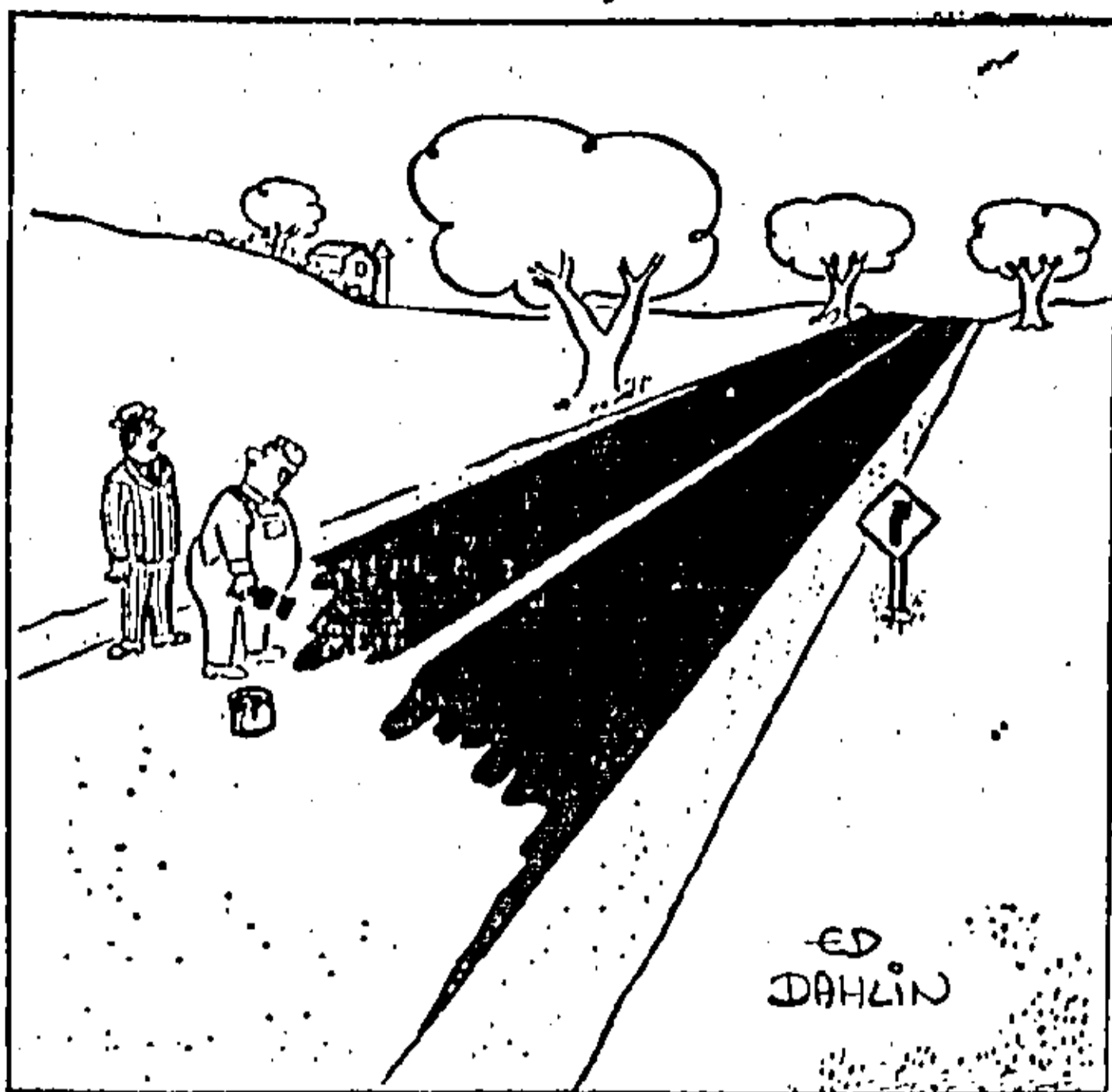
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This Funny World



"See here, Johnson, you're going about this all wrong."

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

BORN today, you are original and inventive, yet logical and factual. You have determination and courage. While others might be defeated by obstacles, you appear to reach your goal. You are not always as you should be when faced with setbacks, but this impatience may, in fact, lead you on to further successes. You never lose self-confidence and have absolute faith in your

ultimate capability to cope with anything.

The stars have given you a versatile nature and you are able to set your hand to a number of things with equal ease. You have a good sense of justice and your gift for getting on with people and being able to analyse them accurately should make you a fine defence attorney.

There is another side to your personality which is more difficult for you to cope with. You are highly emotional, and when you fall in love it probably will be head over heels. Should this romantic episode end unhappily, you never may completely recover from the scar. And then, no matter how much you try to dabble in romance to forget your "first love," you may never forget. You are sensitive and feel any hurt keenly. Remember, too, that you may feel an injury which is quite unintended.

Although highly active mentally, you are not as physically robust as you might wish. Your health and avoid dietary excesses. If you are to maintain the best of health throughout your life.

Among those born at this date were: Will James, artist and author; Thomas Mann, author and philosopher; Nathan Hale, patriot; Bruno Oscar Klein, pianist; John Trumbull, artist; Samuel P. Newman and Daniel Beach, educators; and May Wirth, noted circus performer.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

A NOTE about an advertising expert who "has a trick of blowing down his sleeve when thinking" recalled to me Charlie Soot's habit of laying his forefinger vertically along his upper lip and breathing down his nose when agitated.

I knew the chairman of a company who, when thinking, used to breathe down alternate sleeves in time to a gramophone record of the "Merry Widow" waltz, like a circus horse. Dar-dar-dar-dar (puff) dar-dar-dar-dar (puff) dar-dar-dar-dar (puff)...

Strange interlude

PRODNOSE: Excuse me, but how could a circus horse breathe down its sleeves, and why should it, if it could?

Myself: Permit me to answer you in the words of the rhymer in the Eight Bells who was asked why he stirred his beer with a fountain-pen: "Because they are our national colours."

What about crimson collars?

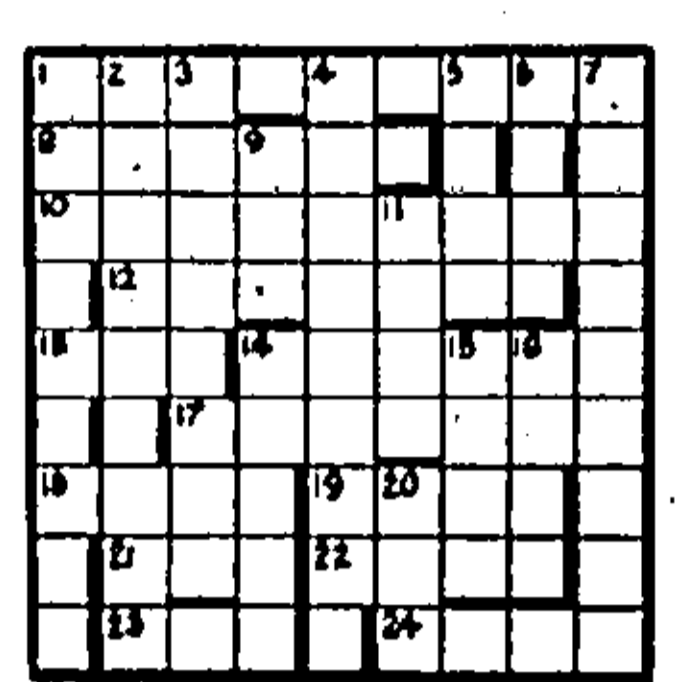
THIS is evidently Animal Monday. Every now and then there is talk of brighter

clothes for men. Before me is a picture of a jamboree organised by the Men's Fashion Council. It shows a man opening his coat to display a lining covered with hunting scenes. This is a witty reply to ladies' headscarves with scenes of Llandudno. Replying to a request to know what I shall be wearing this summer, I have issued to the Press a photograph of my flaming yellow bowler, with scarlet brim, and M.C.C. band round it. The lining is of tinsel, and depicts the leaning tower of Pisa, Sydney Harbour, the Place de la Concorde, the Acropolis, Worthing Pier and the Taj Mahal, all in bright colours. My pea-green umbrella, when opened, shows a pink "Goodbye" when a button is pressed in the handle. More I cannot do for the world of fashion.

Boots for sheep

I LEARN from my correspondent in Ceylon that Australian sheep are grazing in plastic boots, to prevent the disease known as footrot. Since a sheep clad only in boots is bound to look odd, no doubt there will soon be plastic trousers and hats for them. The trousers will be kept up by braces fastening over the animal's back, as a belt would be impracticable, sheep having no waist in the ordinary sense of the word. There the matter rests at present, as the lamb said, pointing a dainty paw at the old sheep sleeping in a hedge.

CROSSWORD



Across

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2. Can you see anything can you see? (5)
3. Strong man's experience. (9)
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5. Meadow for a? (3)
6. If a man's on these he may be a quite a performer. (6)
7. Forward looking, but regrettably. (4)
8. Keep the cash in this. (4)
9. I can maybe, but what a pain. (4)
10. I believe without the ring. (3)
11. It is not worth, young man, just this. (5)
12. Look out! (3)
13. It starts as an idea before it gets on the map! (4)

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1. It's a round number, on the 1. Across. (4)
2. They are remembered by many a mother's heart. (5)
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According To One Well-known Designer —
The Right Swimsuit Has An Evening Dress Appeal

New York.

A WOMAN should buy a bathing suit with psychology as well as swimming in mind, says designer Rose Marie Reid.

"When I talk about psychology, everybody thinks I mean a suit to catch a man," said Miss Reid.

"Well, that is a by-product. But I mean a woman should choose a suit which gives her confidence on the beach. It should have evening dress appeal."

COVER-UP CONFIDENCE

Part of that confidence apparently comes from cover-up. For Miss Reid is just one of several manufacturers this season stressing more, rather than less, on the figures at the beach.

"The American woman doesn't want the bold suit anyway," said the designer in an interview. "For two reasons. She is inherently a modest soul. And the man likes her that way."

"This is why the bikini never had a chance here," said Miss Reid.

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A White And Gold "ORCHID" CAKE

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN



TWO SEPARATE BATTERS are used to make this white and gold cake. It's spread with a fluffy marshmallow vanilla frosting.

gold cake). Beat in egg as designated, one addition at a time.

Add sifted flour mixture alternately with the milk. Beat butter 1/2 minute.

Put alternating spoonfuls of the white and gold batter into a well-oiled lightly floured 10"x4" tube cake pan.

Bake in a preheated moderate oven, 350° F., for 1 1/4 hrs., or until a pie inserted in the centre comes out clean.

Cover with fluffy marshmallow vanilla frosting. Serve wreathed with spring flowers.

Fluffy Marshmallow Vanilla Frosting: In the top of a double boiler, combine 2 egg whites, 1 1/2 c. granulated sugar, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. white corn syrup and 1/4 c. water.

Set over rapidly boiling water. Beat steadily at full speed 7 min. or until stiff peaks form.

Remove. Add 1 1/2 tsp. pure vanilla extract and 12 marshmallows cut into bits. Beat until they melt.

Dinner

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The Baron Goes Hunting

—He Shot At A Lion, But The Lion Just Laughed—

By MAX TRELL

SINCE it was a rainy day and no one could go out to play, Knarf and Handi the shadow children with the turned-about names, asked their friends Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, and Hiawatha, the Wooden Indian Boy, what they would like to do.

"I think," said Hiawatha, "we ought to go hunting." He held up his bow and arrow.

"You can't go hunting in a house," said Handi.

"Who said you can't?" said Hiawatha.

Wild Animals

"Well," said Knarf, "you can't go hunting for wild animals, anyway."

Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, suggested they go and speak to Baron Munchausen.

They all agreed this was a very good idea.

"He knows a lot about hunting," said Teddy.

"The Baron knows a lot about everything," said Handi. "Only," she added with a smile, "it's hard to know when he's telling the truth and when he isn't."

Baron Munchausen lived in his own house on Book Street. Book Street ran from the radiator to the curtain behind the bookcase.

They found Baron Munchausen sitting on the porch of his house, writing a letter. He greeted them with great pleasure. He was always pleased to see them.

Africa to hunt a lion when I can find a right in the zoo?

"To get to Africa, I'd have to take boats and trains and aeroplanes and have to trek for days through rough country, carrying all kinds of heavy supplies. But to go to the zoo, all I have to do is take the bus. It's the same kind of lion, isn't it?"

"Oh, yes," said Hiawatha, the Wooden Indian Boy. "The lion in the zoo comes from Africa just like the other lions do."

More Convenient

"Well, then," continued Baron Munchausen, "instead of my going to Africa for the lions, the lions come here to me. It's much more convenient."

"But it isn't the same thing," Knarf protested. "The lion in the zoo's been caught already. It isn't fair to hunt the lion when he's in a cage."

"Nonsense," said Baron Munchausen, "what's so fair about hunting anyway?"

"And he can roar," said the Baron, "just as loud in a cage as he can anywhere else. So I aimed my gun at him that day I went hunting. The gun went boom, the lion rolled over and—"

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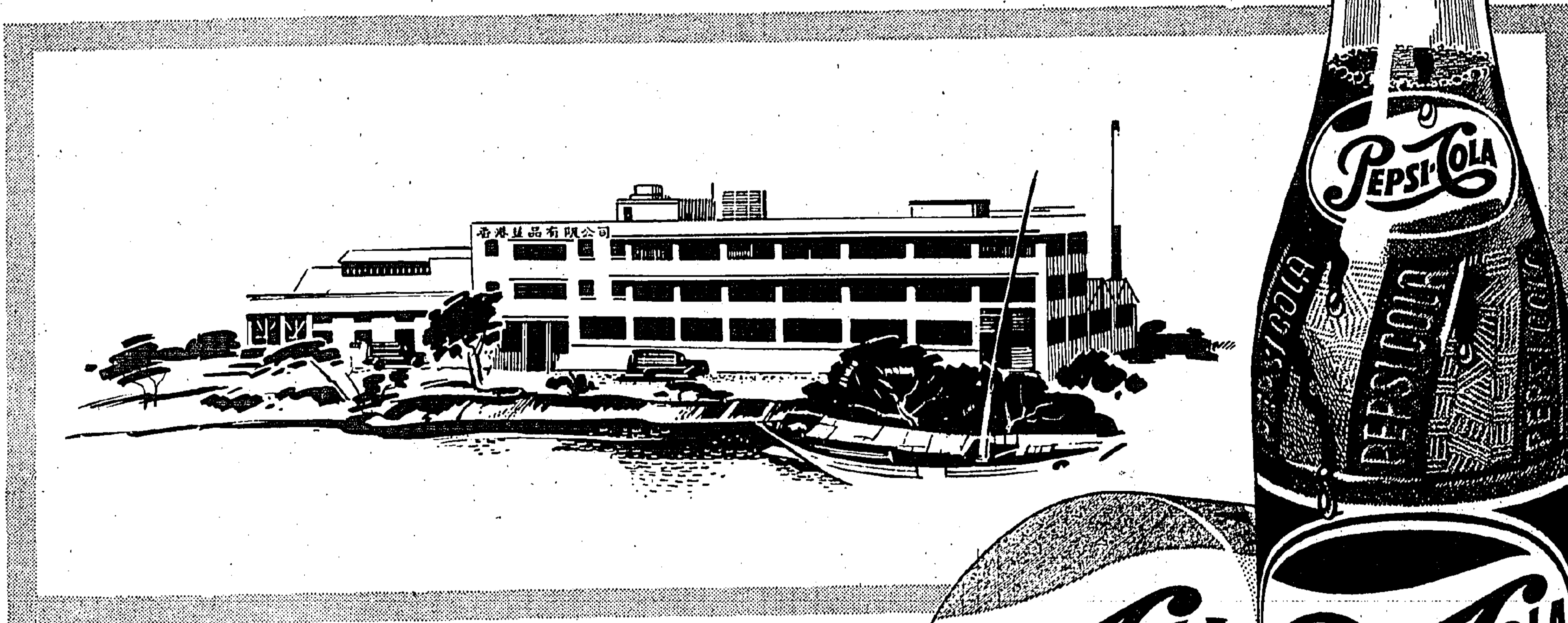
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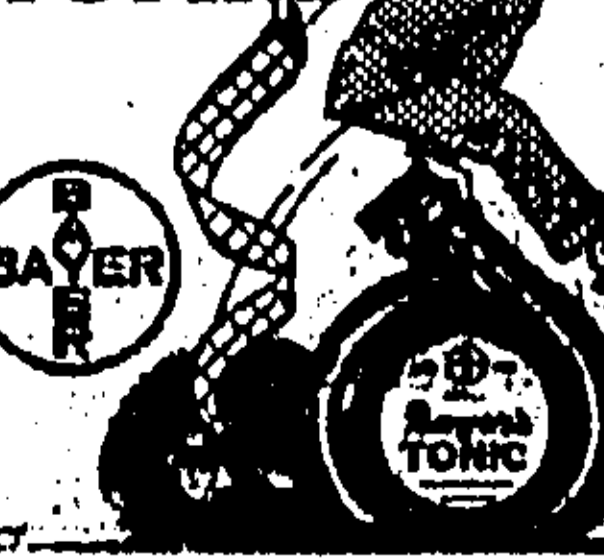
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WHERE IS GEORGE GRIVAS?

Rumours That Eoka Leader Has Left Cyprus For Greece

By SHAHE GUEBENLIAN

Nicosia, June 5.

For more than two months now, the most consequential question asked by everyone in Cyprus has been: "Where is George Grivas?"—the leader of the Eoka underground organisation.

The Cyprus Government has openly stated that unless the 59-year-old former Greek Army colonel leaves the island, it will not abolish the Emergency Regulations which have been in force since November, 1955.

The Governor, Sir John Harding, has kept open, since the end of March, an offer of safe conduct out of Cyprus to Colonel Grivas and any of his remaining lieutenants still at large on the island.

Uncaptured

But nobody has come forward, and Colonel Grivas, whose "nom-de-guerre" in Cyprus—Digenis—is a household word among Cypriots, has remained uncaptured; that is, if he is still in Cyprus.

Security authorities are giving serious consideration to reports that he has left the island, using the same "underground" route that he is believed to have used on several occasions to leave and re-enter Cyprus during the past two years.

The possibility of his having made his getaway has become stronger following the 55-day fruitless hunt for him in the wild forested mountains of southwest Cyprus, near the Greek hamlet of Milkouri which remained under curfew while the hunt continued.

There were sound intelligence tips—security men believed—that Grivas was there. Once before, in the summer of last year, he vanished from intelligence chiefs' "radar screen" for a month or so, after a series of reverses.

Trail Lost

The trail then led into the Milkouri area, and there it was lost. A wide hunt for him had been in full swing just before his disappearance in that very region.

But one afternoon, a disastrous forest fire broke out, burning 21 British soldiers alive. In the thick of it, security forces thought, Grivas made his escape.

This and other factors made Milkouri's forbidding slopes a prime target for security forces' biggest yet manhunt.

Three days previously, Grivas had proclaimed a "truce" and called off Eoka activities throughout the island. He was at that time thought to be in one of the main towns. But soon after the truce leaflets had fluttered in Nicosia, Limassol, Famagusta and Larnaca that afternoon, Grivas was reported "lost" again, cut off from his usual contacts.

Post-haste, "Operation Lucky Dip" was set afoot, and about



GEORGE GRIVAS

4,000 troops moved into the Milkouri area. Intelligence men's belief was that the Eoka leader, after issuing his truce call, had gone into his VIP "resthouse" somewhere in the region.

With him, it was thought, was his "Chief of Staff" Michael Georgiades, aged 25, whose native village is Milkouri. He is reputed to know intimately every crag, shrub and path in that region.

Contact Point

The theory was that Grivas had his well-camouflaged hideout within a short distance of Milkouri, which served as supply point and "contact spot" for the guerrilla chief. So the picturesque little village of 500 inhabitants, in a valley of wild rosebushes and vineyards, only a few miles from the 1,000-year-old Kykkos Monastery, was put under curfew.

After sunset each day, a giant searchlight, perched on a 3,800 ft. mountain-top, stabbed the silent darkness of "Grivas country" with piercing darts of light.

Troops on night shift with blackened faces and guns cocked waited in ambush positions, while thousands of "displaced" beetles and grasshoppers darted restlessly, blinded by searchlight-glare. The hunt was on.

Security forces have often claimed that information supplied by Cypriots has led them to the location of Eoka hideouts. But if troops managed to obtain any information at all from the Milkourians, it certainly had no bearing as to where Grivas was.

Forty-five days had passed and there was no sign of him. Original calculations of "starving him out" were replaced by speculation on his well-stocked hideout which might even have running water in it.

Holes In Wall

A final house-to-house search was ordered at Milkouri. Troops dug holes in walls, lifted floors and looked into ceilings.

In their wake, squads of Royal Engineers put things together again, piece by piece. On May 10, Lucky Dip was called off in the Milkouri area, and the operational commander sadly told a party of journalists: "It is indeed like looking for a needle in a haystack.... And the haystack is very large." Since then, speculation as to the Eoka chief's whereabouts has included the possibility of his having left Cyprus. Troops are still in the mountains, combing further stretches of wild forest in the hope of

catching him, but simultaneously two lines of thought are being pursued:

★ 1. That Grivas has gone to a Middle East country and may be directing the campaign from there.

★ 2. That he left Cyprus shortly after Easter and reached one of the Greek Islands. From there, it is suggested, he could have made his way safely to Athens.

It is significant that since the historic truce leaflet signed by Grivas and circulated on March 14 there have been no Eoka leaflets as such. All the clandestine literature has come from Peka, the policy branch of Eoka.

Meanwhile, in the absence of hard information on Grivas' departure, the Government's present policy continues to be dictated by the presumption that he is still in Cyprus.

It has been emphatically stated that the return of Archbishop Makarios to Cyprus cannot be considered while Grivas and his henchmen are still at large on the island, "capable of reorganising and launching violence once again".—China Mail Special.

COIN-SORTING MACHINE



Banks and shops should especially welcome this invention of a Danish lawyer—a plastic box with seven trays for the automatic sorting of coins. The coins are placed in the top compartments, the box is shaken and the coins sort themselves out automatically, according to size.—Express Photo.

NEW OUTBREAK

New Delhi, June 5.
During the past 24 hours 1,177 fresh cases of influenza have been reported and all parts of Delhi are now affected by the outbreak, officials said today.
The total number of cases is now more than 3,000.—Reuter.

BID TO BEAT ALCOHOLISM WITH TAXES

By COLIN SINCLAIR

Sydney, June 5.

On one day recently, Sydney's City Mortuary was filled to capacity with 26 bodies, and most of them were there because of a link with alcoholism, according to the City Coroner, Mr J. A. Lettis, a stipendiary magistrate.

Discussing the high incidence of alcoholism in cases coming before him, Mr Lettis said that seven out of every ten deaths investigated were directly linked with strong drink. Deaths investigated, he declared, have risen from 1,449 in 1945 to 2,241 last year. And a large part of that increase is due to alcoholism.

"Many cases of straight alcoholic poisoning concern young men and women," he added. "I am not a teetotaler but I think that there is something wrong with the body politic when so many useful citizens are dying for this reason."

Phenobarb

After citing cases of alleged murder, manslaughter and death by accident in which alcohol was a contributing factor, Mr Lettis said that there were numerous poisoning cases in which traces of alcohol and barbiturate drugs were found in the dead person.

"Many people are in the habit of taking a few phenobarb tablets to put them to sleep after a drinking bout," he explained. "It does not take much phenobarb on top of the alcohol to kill the person."

An American pharmaceutical firm has estimated that there are about 120,000 alcoholic Australians and that 60,000 of them suffer from one or more of the serious complications associated with chronic alcoholism.

The firm made its analysis to determine the potential demand for a chemical used in the United States to help "wreck" alcoholics from their drink by supervised home treatment. According to a spokesman of the firm, the drug acts directly on

the thalamus (a mass of nerve cells at the base of the brain), producing a relaxation of muscular tension as well as of the nervous tension often accompanying it.

The Chairman of the Mental Hygiene Authority of Victoria, Dr D. Cunningham Dax, proposed recently that finance for research and treatment of mental disorders associated with alcoholism should be provided from taxes on alcohol. He said that more than 20 per cent of patients with mental disorders suffer from illnesses associated with alcohol. Among male patients, the percentage with this history is about 35.

Research

Another suggestion for aid in inquiring into problems of the chronic drinker came from the Inspector-General of Mental Hospitals in New South Wales, Dr D. A. S. Fraser. He suggested that liquor interests should be asked to subscribe funds for medical research into the problems of alcoholism and its relation to mental diseases.

"It is hoped that the breweries will subscribe to research to find out why some people cannot drink without deteriorating," Dr Fraser said. "We have the facilities for research and we want to bring outstanding men from overseas to work on alcoholism."—China Mail Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



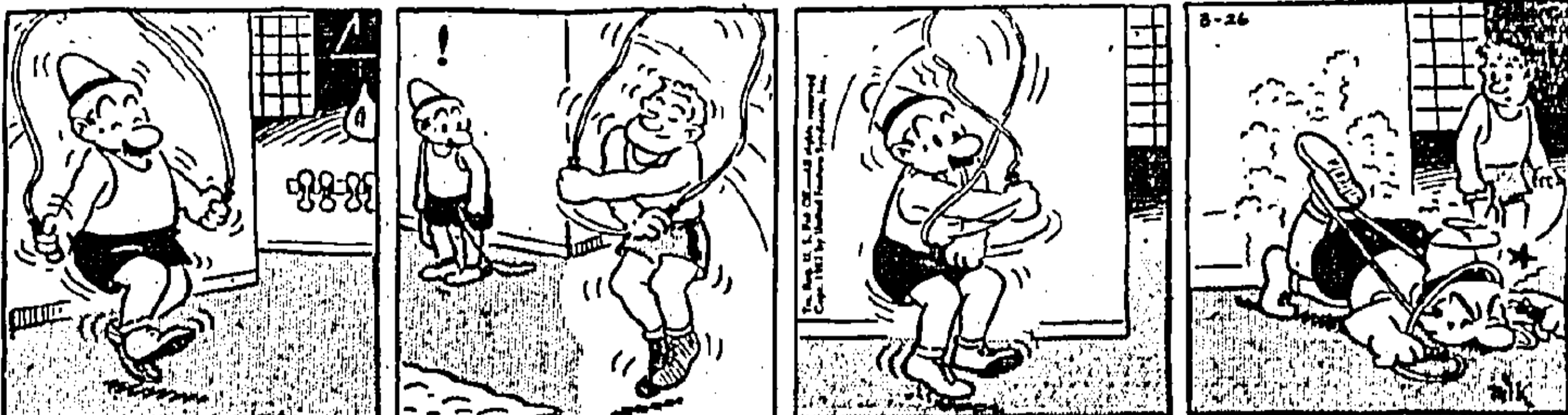
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

RESUMPTION OF US BARTER

Revised Programme On A 'Tightened Basis' For Strategic Metals

Washington, June 5.

The US Agriculture Department has announced a resumption of the barter programme under which any United States Government-owned surplus farm commodity or tobacco on which a loan had been made would be exchanged for strategic metals and materials produced in foreign countries.

The new revised programme, Department officials said, meant that barter would be continued, but on a greatly "tightened basis."

Barter contracts in recent years have involved the exchange of between \$100,000,000 and \$150,000,000 worth annually of offshore metals and materials for American surplus foods.

Substituting

It was the fear that barter deals were substituting for dollar sales of surplus commodities that led the Agriculture Department to halt the barter programme at the end of April while a review of the system was made.

Another consideration in stopping the barter temporarily was a Department belief that increased prosperity in Europe as well as in other parts of the world, meant a better supply of dollars abroad with which to purchase US farm products.

Department officials also said that the tightened new barter programme probably would meet a favourable response in foreign countries like Australia, New Zealand, Argentina, and other countries, including European, which had viewed the US barter deals with suspicion, as well as surplus commodity sales for local currencies under terms of Public Law 480.

The listings of copper and aluminium apparently were new, although Department officials professed they were not sure whether any of the acceptable materials had been changed or not. They said they were not too experienced with the metals procuring end of the barter, being interested only in the export of acceptable materials under barter had not listed copper and aluminium.

One Provision

The officials said one provision had been added that was not in the Department's previous barter plan. This was that foreign-produced lead and zinc could not be processed in the US. This requirement, they added, was also expected to restrict future transactions.

The revised barter programme also included other restrictive features which, officials explained, probably would not make future barter so attractive as they had been in the past. These were:

★ A contractor must tell the Agriculture Department what specific commodity he wished to barter. Under the old programme a barter contractor could conduct negotiations on a number of commodities.

★ A contractor must also inform the Department with what country he was conducting negotiations. Previously, he could negotiate with a number of countries.

★ A strict provision would be included in new barter contracts against transshipment. This would assure that the commodity was used only in that one country and not trans-shipped to another country.

★ A barter contractor might make delivery of surplus commodities in advance of receipt by the Agriculture Department in the US of foreign-produced materials. But he would have to pay an interest charge on the commodity.

Under the old programme, interest was not charged, for the first two years, in effect giving the contractor use of the surplus foods free for a two-year period.

★ To make sure that barter transactions would not replace any dollar sales, the Department would require a contractor, under certain conditions, to submit to it a "special showing" or proof that his proposed barter would result in a net increase in total US exports.

Special Showing

Exports of cotton, wheat, and feed grains to certain countries would be "automatically" presumed to be in addition to normal exports, the Department said, and on such shipments the "special showing" would not be required. But this examination would apply only to a very few countries, officials said.

On proposed barter for cotton, a contractor would have to make the "special showing" before he could deal with 32 countries on proposed barter for wheat, he would have to give proof before conducting negotiations with 57; and on proposed barter for feed grains, he would have to submit the special showing before he could deal with 46 countries.

Among the countries listed among the cotton, wheat and feed grain countries was Hongkong—China Mail Special.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

Chicago, June 5. Wheat and rye closed higher on the Board of Trade after a day of quiet trading; the balance of the gain list was lower.

Early action in grains was influenced by news that the surplus disposal bill would be delayed in Congress.

Clear weather conditions and scattered hedging depressed prices generally in mid-morning trade, but some grains rallied on scattered buying and were able to recover some of the early losses.

Wheat closed off 1/4 to 1/2 cents for old and off 1/4 to 1/2 cents for new. Soybeans closed off 1/4 to 1/2 cents.

Wheat No. 2 red
Spot 20 1/2 (H) 20 1/2 (L) 20 1/2
July 20 1/2 (H) 20 1/2 (L) 20 1/2
Sept 20 1/2 (H) 20 1/2 (L) 20 1/2
Dec 20 1/2 (H) 20 1/2 (L) 20 1/2

Wheat No. 2 new contract
July 20 1/2 (H) 20 1/2 (L) 20 1/2
Sept 20 1/2 (H) 20 1/2 (L) 20 1/2
Dec 20 1/2 (H) 20 1/2 (L) 20 1/2

Corn No. 2, yellow
Spot 13 1/2 (H) 13 1/2 (L) 13 1/2
July 13 1/2 (H) 13 1/2 (L) 13 1/2
Sept 13 1/2 (H) 13 1/2 (L) 13 1/2
Dec 13 1/2 (H) 13 1/2 (L) 13 1/2

Rye
July 11 1/2 (H) 11 1/2 (L) 11 1/2
Sept 11 1/2 (H) 11 1/2 (L) 11 1/2
Dec 11 1/2 (H) 11 1/2 (L) 11 1/2

Oats
July 9 1/2 (H) 9 1/2 (L) 9 1/2
Sept 9 1/2 (H) 9 1/2 (L) 9 1/2
Dec 9 1/2 (H) 9 1/2 (L) 9 1/2

Soybeans, No. 2, yellow
Spot 22 1/2 (H) 22 1/2 (L) 22 1/2
July 22 1/2 (H) 22 1/2 (L) 22 1/2
Sept 22 1/2 (H) 22 1/2 (L) 22 1/2
Dec 22 1/2 (H) 22 1/2 (L) 22 1/2

Barley
Spot 18 1/2 (H) 18 1/2 (L) 18 1/2
July 18 1/2 (H) 18 1/2 (L) 18 1/2
Sept 18 1/2 (H) 18 1/2 (L) 18 1/2
Dec 18 1/2 (H) 18 1/2 (L) 18 1/2

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, June 5.

Rex rubber contract closed today 35 to 50 points higher with sales of 140 contracts.

Standard contract closed today 35 to 40 points higher with no sales reported.

Higher London cables brought an early speculative covering movement, which touched off stop orders. Most of the terminal market activity happened before London closed.

News of a strike in a US rubber company plant, affecting 5,179 workers seemed to slow down market interest. Moreover, dealer offerings increased at the high, part of which was against purchases in the shipment market.

Thailand reportedly laid off a fair-sized tonnage here, including two sheets at 31 1/2 cents; three sheets at 31 cents; four at 30 cents and five at 29 1/2 cents, all June/July shipment cost and freight.

Afternoon buying interest also was retarded pending further developments on Indonesian selling plans. Domestic factory business in the delivery market was at a low ebb. Spot No. 1 Rs was quoted at 32 1/2 cents.

SINGAPORE

Despite the disappointing overseas advices the market opened slightly higher and improved further on better enquiry for lower sheets. Futures:

No. 1 rubber per lb. June 92 1/2-93 1/2
No. 2 rubber per lb. June 90 1/2-91 1/2
No. 3 rubber per lb. June 88 1/2-89 1/2
No. 4 rubber per lb. June 86 1/2-87 1/2
Spot rubber unbleached 84-85
Black crepe 84-85
No. 1 pale crepe 84-85

LONDON

The rubber market was firmer with spot quoted at 27 pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 Res spot 26 1/2-27 1/2
Settlement house term: 26 1/2-27 1/2
August 26 1/2-27 1/2
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